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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HUNT

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR OVIP EG IS US (AARON, DAVID)
SUBJECT: DAVID AARON VISIT

REF: A) TEL AVIV 8068, B) CAIRO 15846 (NOTAL)

1. UNDERSTAND THAT CAIRO STILL AWAITING DEFINITIVE ANSWER
ON AVAILABILITY MILITARY HELICOPTER. IF HELICOPTER IS
AVAILABLE JULY 3 WE WOULD PREFER HAVE MR. AARON CROSS CANAL
MONDAY EVENING, AND SPEND THE NIGHT WITH US. THIS GIVES US
TIME FOR EARLY START ON MORNING JULY 4 FOR BRIEFING AND
INSPECTION OF SFM OPERATION. WE COULD HAVE HIM AT CHECKPOINT
BRAVO TO MEET ISRAELI HELICOPTER AT 12:00 AS PROPOSED BY
TEL AVIV.

2. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY TEL AVIV IT APPEARS THAT THERE
IS NOT MUCH GIVE IN SCHEDULE PROPOSED BY THEM IN REFTTEL
IF MR. AARON IS TO ARRIVE IN ISRAEL MIDAFTERNOON JULY 4.
IN ORDER GIVE HIM ANY TIME AT ALL AT SFM THE SCHEDULE FOR
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ARRIVAL EAST SIDE OF CANAL BY CAR OR EGYPTIAN HELICOPTER
ON JULY 4 WOULD HAVE TO BE MOVED UP SUBSTANTIALLY. UTILIZING
EITHER AUTOMOBILE OR HELICOPTER THAT MORNING, WE HOPE HE CAN
ARRIVE MINIMUM ONE HOUR AND IDEALLY 1 1/2 HOURS EARLIER.
THIS MEANS ARRIVE AT ISMAILIA BY 8 A.M. I WOULD MEET HIM
AND HAVE HIM AT SFM BETWEEN 9:30 AND 10:00 A.M. FOR APPROXI-
MATELY 2 HOURS OF BRIEFINGS AND TOUR OF FACILITY. HE COULD

DEPART 12 NOON.

3. IN SUM, WE WOULD MUCH PREFER HAVE HIM ARRIVE MONDAY EVENING
GIVING TIME FOR MORE COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING AND DETAILED LOOK
AT OUR OPERATION. WE CAN ONLY GIVE HIM BRIEF OVERVIEW IF WE
HAVE HIM FOR 1 1/2 TO 2 HOURS MORNING OF JULY 4. I UNDERSTAND
THAT DECISION ON HELICOPTER MAY NOT BE MADE UNTIL SATURDAY AND
WILL AWAIT THIS DECISION BEFORE SENDING DETAILED SCHEDULE.
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